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GENEVA FOR US DEL TO EVENSEN GROUP

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES

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1. AIDE MEMOIRE WAS SENT TO RASMUSSEN OF FISHERIES DIRECTORATE IN BERGEN AND COPIES GIVEN TO SENIOR OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AS WELL AS TO LOS MINISTER EVENSEN. I HAVE ALSO RAISED MATTER PERSONALLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND, AND IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BY E/C COUNSELOR WITH EVENSEN'S PRIVATE SECRETARY ARNE TREHOLT, RASMUSSEN, AND UNDER SECRETARY LARSEN IN MINISTRY OF FISHERIES.

2. NORWEGIAN POLICY IS TO SUPPORT OVERALL QUOTA RECOMMENDED BY SCIENTISTS PLUS ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND TO TAKE A BACK SEAT RE QUOTAS FOR NORTHWEST ATLANTIC WHERE NORWAY DOES LITTLE FISHING. HOWEVER, NORWAY RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON AN ACCEPTABLE PACKAGE OF MEASURES AT THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING IN SEPTEMBER IN ORDER TO MITIGATE PRESSURE IN THE U.S. FOR UNILATERAL U.S. EXTENSION OF FISHING LIMITS.

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3. RASMUSSEN UNDERSTANDS THAT SCIENTISTS HAVE RECOMMENDED A OVERALL QUOTA FOR 1976 OF 650,000 MT. HE PRESUMES THAT 724,000 MT OVERALL QUOTA REFERRED TO IN AIDE MEMOIRE INCLUDES BY-CATCH AND UNREPORTED CATCHES. HE COMMENTED THAT BY-CATCHES AND UNREPORTED CATCHES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PROBLEMS FOR NORWAY AND HE ASSUMES THAT QUOTA OF 550,000 MT PROPOSED BY U.S. WAS ADOPTED TO ALLOW FOR SUCH OVERAGES.

4. ALL CONSULTED INDICATED THAT SINCE SUPPORT OF U.S. PROPOSALS WOULD INVOLVE DEVIATION FROM NORWEGIAN POLICY, ISSUE WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN GOVERNMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TREHOLT, WHO HAD REVIEWED MATTER WITH EVENSEN, AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF ITS LOS IMPLICATIONS EVENSEN WAS PROBABLY APPROPRIATE PERSON TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THESE INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS. ONLY MAJOR ISSUE IS DEPARTURE FROM 650,000 MT OVERALL QUOTA RECOMMENDED BY SCIENTISTS.

5. TREHOLT IS TELEXING TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE TO

EVENSEN IN GENEVA WHERE EVENSEN IS ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE EVENSEN GROUP. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT U.S. DELEGATION TO EVENSEN GROUP DISCUSS AIDE MEMOIRE WITH EVENSEN. EVENSEN HAS EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE PRIOR TO ICNAF SPECIAL SESSION. WE SHOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE FOR LOS CONSIDERATIONS TO ENLIST EVENSEN'S SUPPORT AND TO INSURE THAT HE FINDS TIME TO TAKE MATTER UP WITHIN GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO ICNAF SPECIAL SESSION AND THAT NORWAY ACTIVELY SUPPORTS U.S. PROPOSALS AT SPECIAL SESSION.

6. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHAT IS INCLUDED IN 724,000 MT, 650,000 MT, AND 550,000 MT FIGURES, E.G., DOES 550,000 MT FIGURE INCLUDE BY-CATCHES. IN ADDITION RATIONALE FOR 550,000 MT FIGURE AND INFORMATION ON WHETHER 650,000 MT FIGURE IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY SCIENTISTS.
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